



TIME FOR AN EU Blue Deal



Public hearing

SOC/763 - Access to water: tackling water poverty and its impact on social policy

Hybrid meeting via Interactio, EESC –VMA3

Thursday, 13 April 2023 from 10:00 to 13:00

PROGRAMME

9:30 – 10:00	Testing connections
10:00-10:05	Introduction by Pietro Francesco De Lotto , President of the EESC's Consultative Commission for Industrial Change and president of the study group
10:05-10:15	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinga Joó, Rapporteur of the EESC opinion • Carlos Manuel Trindade, Rapporteur of the EESC opinion
10:15-11:15	<p>Panel 1: General overview by institutional stakeholders</p> <p>Moderator: Giulia Barbucci, Study group member</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Rui Manuel Vitor Cortes, Professor, University of Tras-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD)</p> <p>Interventions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trudy Higgins, Seconded National Expert in the Marine Environment & Clean Water Services Unit, European Commission • Piotr Całbecki, Rapporteur for the Committee of the Regions opinion on Fitness check of the Water Framework Directive • Aude Farnault, Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD • Christian Minelli, Head of the Secretariat, European Water Regulators (WAREG) <p>Q&A</p>
11:15 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:45	<p>Panel 2: the perspective of social partners, civil society organisations and academia</p> <p>Moderator: Giulia Barbucci, Study group member</p> <p>Keynote speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriella Sodar, Head of Business Development, Blue Planet Foundation <p>Interventions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henriette Gleau, Policy Advisor, SGI Europe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Willem Goudriaan, General Secretary, European Public Service Union (EPSU) • Gábor Molnár, Managing Director, Lake Balaton Development Coordination Agency • Jean-Yves Stenuick, Policy Coordinator, Aqua Publica Europea (APE) <p>Q&A</p>
12:45-12:55	<p>Conclusions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kínga Joó, Rapporteur of the EESC opinion • Carlos Manuel Trindade, Rapporteur of the EESC opinion
12:55–13:00	<p>Closing remarks by Pietro Francesco De Lotto, President of the EESC's Consultative Commission for Industrial Change and president of the study group</p>

Participants can speak and listen in English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Hungarian